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Messrs EDES and GILL,

OBSERVING in the Evening-Post for monday July 28, a transcript from the London Magazine for April last, attempting to set at nought, a very plain and often repeated precept of the New Testament, we beg you'l insert in your Paper the following reflections upon said piece, and you'l oblige some lovers of truth, and your constant readers.

The Author of this performance, it wou'd seem is a good deal chagrin'd, and offended at a new mode of Religious Profession, reproachfully call'd Sandimanian. The thing that seems to put him out of all patience is a custom those very singular professors observe, which he thinks arises from a too literal & gross interpretation of the Apostle Paul's injunctions Rom. 16. 16. and 2 Cor. 13. 12. "Salute and greet one another with an holy kiss." Peter has it 1 Ep. 5. 14 "---a kiss of Charity." He calls this a figurative and metaphorical injunction, and says the Apostle never meant it shou'd be observed in the corporal manner, of one persons kissing the lips of another; and he endeavours to prove this by informing us that it was impossible for the Church at Corinth to kiss the faces &c. of the Christians at Rome. As we have no acquaintance with the Greek language, we cannot positively deny that the words, *Salute*, *Greet* and *Kiss*, are all render'd from the same original word; but as Mr. Decency has done no more than insinuate it in his curious criticism on the translation, we take the liberty very much to scruple it, and further think he is enduced to this sophistical gloss, by a great hatred to the truth, and strong desire to invalidate a plain apostolic command, and that he has conceal'd part of his learning, while he intimates that he is learned, in order to palm his lie upon mankind, with the authority of a man of letters.----The words salute and kiss, are well understood in common life, the former to bear many different modes, while the latter is understood in a more limited sense to signify one of these modes----We understand a certain number of guns fired upon the anniversary of the King's Birth to be a royal salute, we are likewise acquainted that there are different kinds of salutations in the Navy and Army by the firing of Guns, exercising of arms, modeling colours, &c. We conceive also how a person at a distance from home, salutes his family and friends by letter, sending his love to one and compliments to another, and it would be easily understood, in such a familiar letter, as men are wont to write to their intimates, as an eminent, and peculiarly endearing salutation, for a man to write his brother, to kiss his sister or friend in his behalf----Thus agreable to common sense it is easy to perceive the Apostles meaning when he says "the Churches of Asia salute you"---"all the brethren Greet you."---that they sent their love to their brethren by Paul's letter---and that Paul greeted and saluted them with an Epistle, as he says 1. Cor. 16. 21. "The salutation of me Paul with mine own hand."---So likewise when he exhorts them to salute one another with a kiss, he means they shou'd exchange a kiss of the mouth one with another, as a token of charity and affection. If we deprive the Apostle's words of this plain and obvious meaning, as too literal and gross, it is impossible for us to affix any meaning at all to them---for this writer himself, tho' he has exploded this interpretation, or rather plain import of the Apostle's words, as gross and indelicate, has given us no other usage, according to his own delicate opinion instead of it, whereby we might even pretend an observance of the Apostle's exhortation, for altho', by charitably supposing we look upon it as an apostolic injunction; he seems to insinuate that he does not: and we have strong reasons for our suspicion, as the drift of his piece only tends to set it aside without offering any thing to be observed in its room. Yet he tells the world that it is enjoin'd by the Apostle, and quotes two noted instances, and says Paul's Epistle, and the several salutations contain'd in it, were expressions of "*pious affections and ardent wishes for the prosperity and peace*" of those to whom they were sent. And that "*the holy kiss with which he exhorts them to salute one another must also have the same signification*". All this we readily grant. Thus he has acknowledged that the Apostle did enjoin the use of the holy kiss---he has acknowledged it, also, as an important and significant injunction, yet he violently presses us to divest it for fear of dishonouring our profession; but is this a sufficient reason for declaring void one of the most plain, and often repeated commands in the New Testament?

By the great boasting in favour of this piece, among the enemies, both of truth and decency, it is very obvious, that if a man have but sufficient impudence to vent his ignorance of, and malice against the Scripture, he will gain the plaudit of the world, altho' even common sense be violated by the most palpable and glaring absurdities; but it puts us in mind of a saying of one of these Apostle's, which is fulfill'd in the present case, "They are of the world therefore the world heareth them".

Every lover of the truth, we judge, will reverence Paul's commands as he would the commands of God, believing him to be delivering the laws of Christ, in his Epistle's to the Churches. If Paul's commands have the authority of Heaven to support them, then every man who attempts to set aside the obligation to obey these commands in their plain and literal meaning, whatever pretentions he makes to Decency, we beg leave to say of such an one "*he is proud knowing nothing but doting about questions & strifes of words, whereof cometh envy, strifes, railings & evil surmisings, perverse disputings of men of corrupt minds destitute of the truth.*"---We are well assured that a careful observation of any of the commands of Christ, or his Apostle's will be deem'd to arise from ignorance and want of due penetration, and that any interpretation that enforces obedience to the plain command will always be depricated and set aside as too literal and gross for the refined taste of the lovers of the piety & decency of this world, & we expect the chief opposition from such, and are not in the least surprized that this opposer shou'd appear with the mask of decency and discretely address, after a grand example: "*yea hath Paul said greet ye one another with a holy kiss?*" thus the plea for setting aside obedience to the first command, was urged by an interpretation, neither *literal* nor *gross*.----Every reader of the Scripture must know that Paul speaks respectfully and honorably of the undefiled marriage Bed, and commands young men and women, who have not the gift of continency to marry, yet tho' this is plainly commanded, we have heard of a time when it was set aside by a set of Priests who came pretending the utmost regard for purity, and talking of the life of Celibacy as more pure than the married life: but all Europe are well acquainted with the vile impurity of the lives of those men who thus trampled upon the Apostle's command, and from the spirit of this piece referr'd to, we have all reason to conclude that the Author is no more a lover of what Paul calls decency, than the Roman priests were lovers of what Paul calls purity. This is no breach of charity on our part, for we dont pretend to have charity for any but those who profess regard for the Apostle's commands and honour them by yielding a literal obedience to them.

When we contend for obedience to the commands enjoined by Christ and his Apostle's, we dont think it falls to our share to prove these commands to have been a practice among men in the East or West-Country; tho' it could be clearly proved, that they were never before practised, yet the bare injunction, wou'd demand our punctual and implicit obedience: therefore we think it our wisest and best way to obey the command, "*Greet ye one another with a kiss of charity:*" without paying the smallest regard to what Sandys, Shaw, or Doctor Pocock, says about the custom and manner of salutation: for what ever any, or all of them say about it, in this, or the other Country, we, suspicious of their ignorance and partiality on the subject, appeal to a greater authority, even that of King Solomon, who lived in the East, and knew the customs better than any of them, and he says Pro. 24. 26. "*every man shall kiss his lips, who giveth a right answer.*

Because the Apostle being absent from the Churches to whom he writes, having no opportunity to perform the mutual exchange of a corporal external kiss of charity, he therefore sends his salutations in a letter; and because the Church, to whom he writes, lived in one city, and frequently met together; by this means they had opportunity to salute one another with a bodily kiss; therefore the Apostle thus plainly enjoins the practice; and to difference this kiss, from the kisses men and women bestow on one another, in the way of Friendship, or that affection, which subsists among near relations, he calls this kiss *holy*, as it belongs to *charity*, which is the fruit of the *most holy Faith*.

We have not the smallest doubt of the Apostle's exceeding care for decency and order, and if he had seen any thing contrary hereto, in the brethrens kissing each other with the kisses of the mouth, we make no doubt, but his well known vigilence would have provided us with a timely caution, against it: and so wou'd have superceded the necessity of any warning that cou'd come from any man, in any age since his days.

If the author of christianity had seen any thing *indecent* in this practice, he wou'd not have admitted Judas to approach his person in an *indecent* and unseemly manner. But far is Jesus from throwing any reflection upon the practice: but as it was a well known sign of love, and as every thing that belongs to love must be agreable in his sight, who is love, so he rebukes the perfidious traitor, for useing this sacred sign to cover the murderous intention of his heart. But what would such a *lover of decency*, as this writer have said, had he seen the beloved disciple leaning upon Jesus bosom? If kissing the lips of a man be an *indecent* custom, exposing christians *to suspicions among their infidel neighbours*, would not this custom have had the same effect? If Paul had seen any thing evil, *or even the appearance of evil* in this, would he have suffer'd the elders of the church of Ephesus to have fallen upon his neck and kissed him in the public manner express'd in the text, *Acts* 20. 37.

Some to oppose the practice of this apostolic injunction, have gone about to find *decent* excuses for the neglect of it, without having the confidence to deny it. But have told us, that after the Apostles were dead, the fathers seeing this custom abused to lacivious practices, laid it aside out of a regard to *decency*. If this be true, we think the fathers were employ'd in a very bad cause, and their conduct must appear very odious to those who reflect upon Christ's words, 22 *Rev.* 18, 19. If this plea cou'd ever deserve a consideration, it was when such abominable and lacivious practices, was found in the church of Corinth, but so far was the Apostle from setting aside this practice, that while he is reproveing their crimes with the warmest indignation, and exhorting them to "*flee fornication*", concludes both his Epistles with urging this christian salutation.

If we would have the praise and approbation of the decent, it behoves us to lay aside this practice; but let all men judge if our loss wou'd not be exceeding great; for in so doing we won'd loose the comfort that breathes in that lovely saying of Pauls, 1 *Cor.* 11. 1, 2. "*Be ye followers of me even as I am of Christ. Now I* PRAISE *you brethren that you remember* ME *in* ALL *things, and keep the ordinances as I deliver'd them to you*". In our continuance in this and other apostolic ordinances, we expect the praises of Paul, which, notwithstanding he has long since fallen a sacrifice to the *decent*, for his practices and exhortations, we value above the praises of all men now living upon earth. And this emboldens us to laugh at the disapprobation of every other man, let his pretence to *decency*, wisdom or piety be ever so great.

We have few *learned*, and none of the *most learned*, in any of our churches. Our companies resembling the church of Corinth to whom Paul says, *Eph.* 1. 26. Ye see your calling brethren, &c."---We confess we shou'd be greatly discouraged by the haughty menaces of the *learn-*

and with [illegible] such Passages as this last Week, and from the Verse to the end of the Chapter, which being foolish and illiterate does not unfit us for this part of Christ's Service, to [illegible] for the assistance & direction of the saints---and for the ordination Paul delivered to the first Churches.---We think it strange to have the question gravely put, how those at Philippi could imitate every Saint in Christ Jesus? And for answer we would beg the querist, or any of his votaries, to read the first verse of the epistle to the Philippians---and we desire some of the most learned, and most reverend among them, to give the publick a Definition of the Holy Kiss---since they will not allow it to be external and corporal.

Yesterday Wrought the Duke of Cumberland Packet Capt. Goodridge, arrived at New York in seven Weeks and one Day from Falmouth; by whom we have the following Advices.

LONDON, July 5.

Mr. PITT, during his glorious Administration, never received to his own use any of the profits or emoluments belonging to his office, except the bare salary that every body knows to be annexed to it, he having always caused to be reposited in the Treasury, for publick use, all the money allowed him for secret service, together with all the perquisites of his office, many thousands of which have ever since remained in the Treasury, which the Lords thereof know not what to do with; nor could any of the Ministry, since his resignation, take upon themselves to dispose of, or meddle with it, least this generous inflexible Patriot should again become Prime Minister, and call them to account for it, as none but him has a right to dispose of it.---The annals of this country cannot produce such another instance of Ministerial disinterestedness and public spirit, tho' France can boast her Duke of Sully, who perhaps was the only Minister that ever displayed the Patriotic virtues of Mr. PITT.

July 10. It is confidently reported that the Right Hon. William Pitt, Esq; was this day appointed one of his Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State; and that all the other great offices will be filled with such personages as he shall appoint, and which gains great Credit.

July 12. Among the alterations talked of in the great offices of State, are, Lord Lyttleton for President of the Council, Lord Halifax and Mr. Pitt Secretaries of State, and Lord Shelburne to be Secretary for the affairs of America, a new office.

It is said that the Port of London will be open in a few Days, for the importation of live cattle from Ireland for a limited time.---[But the Irishmen won't let them come.]-----

July 15. The Hereditary Prince of Brunswick's return to England, will be hastened, on account of some important advices received from the Continent.

Her Majesty is so far happily advanced in her pregnancy, that it is said she will lay in in September or October next.

It is reported, that the Right Hon. the Earl of Holdernesse will be appointed to conduct his Majesty's sister to Denmark.

And we hear her Royal Highness has particularly desired, that her wedding-cloaths, and other dresses, shall be made of the manufactures of England.

Messieurs PRINTERS,

THO' the Person who is supposed in the last *Boston-Gazette* to have put a certain Piece into the *Providence* Paper, never had any Rancour against Dr. MAYHEW, but always esteemed him highly for many excellent Things in him, more especially for his singular Integrity and Uprightness, wherein he was a shining Example for his Brethren in the Ministry to follow; yet it is really his Mind, and the Mind of many others, that since his Sickness and Death, the Cause of *Arianism* hath been promoted among us: However, had he known that any one had intended to print so sarcastical a Piece as *that*, he would have used his Endeavours to prevent it.

N. B. If any should hereafter write scurrilously, no Notice will be taken of him.

BOSTON, SEPTEMBER 15.

Thursday last His Excellency the Governor further Prorouged the Great and General Court to the 29th Day of *October* next.

Same Morning a sorrowful Accident happened to one Roach, a Carpenter, by Means of a Carelessness too common in that Occupation, a Scaffold on the Top of a House the Corner of Queen-Street, which he was shingling, being but slightly nailed, gave way, whereby he fell into the Street, and his Head coming on a Stone, fractured his Skull in such a terrible Manner, that he survived but two or three Hours and then expired.

Last Tuesday Morning died at Roxbury, after a lingering Illness, SAMUEL WENTWORTH, Esq; of this Town. His Remains were decently inter'd Friday Afternoon following.

Messieurs Edes & Gill,

Please to give the following Place in your Paper.

AS Attendance upon Funerals is a Mark of Respect to the Memory of the Deceas'd, I discern a little Uneasiness at being oblig'd lately to stand only a gazing Spectator of the Burial of a Friend, a Gentleman who being a good Citizen, of a most humane Disposition and unexampled Affability, has died universally esteem'd and regretted. If those who had the Management of the Funeral tho't fit to proceed in Opposition to the Practice which had taken Place here; I did not therefore think myself at Liberty to attend: more especially as the Deceas'd was one of the warmest Advocates if not the Father of that Regulation, and desir'd in his last Sickness that it might be comply'd with. Ignorance of this Circumstance, and a very high Regard for the Man, led many to join in the Procession, who must from their Love to the Publick, resent this Breach of Funeral Oeconomy. Doubtless the Expence is not felt in this Case; but will not the Example draw in some who *may not chance* to be as wealthy? The Loss is great indeed; so doubtless is the Grief. Was that a reason for this deviation from the Mode? How eagerly will that be catch'd at? The Widow who designs a very speedy Marriage, has nothing now to do but flush of Crape, with many Servants in a dismal Garb to feign a Pungency of Grief. Have no great Losses been sustain'd but this since our frugal Mode took Place? To look no further; How severely has the bereaving Hand of Heaven fallen upon two Gentlemen, who kindly bore the Pall at this very Funeral, tho' They themselves were satyriz'd by the Manner in which it was conducted?

So much has been offer'd in Print concerning the Utility of the late Regulations, that I am perswaded the Public will not be baffled in their prudent Course by any one Example. My Design in appearing thus was barely to keep off severer Pens. * Samuel Wentworth Esq O.

NEW-YORK, September 4.

We hear his Excellency Sir Henry Moore, who left this City on Sunday the 24th ult. is now on a Tour to the Frontier Parts of this Government, and intends to settle its Boundaries with Canada and New-Hampshire, by which, much future Disturbance may be prevented.--'Tis probable something may also be done toward accommodating the Differences that have lately arisen concerning the Property of Land [illegible] granted under Grants from the New-England Government, which by the late Order of his Majesty, have fallen within the Limits of this Province.

We hear that on the Trial of Pendergast, the Behaviour of his Wife was very remarkable, and greatly attracted the Notice of the Audience. During the whole long Trial, she was solicitously attentive to every Particular; and without the least Impertinence or Indecorum of Behaviour, sodately anxious for her Husband, as the Evidence opened against him she never failed to make every Remark that might tend to extenuate the Offence, and put his Conduct in the most favourable Point of View; not suffering one Circumstance that could be collected from the Evidence, or thought of in his Favour, to escape the Notice of the Court and Jury. And when he came to make his Defence, she stood behind him, reminding him of, and suggested to him every Thing that could be mentioned to his Advantage. Her affectionate Assiduity till'd every Observer with a tender Concern, and occasioned one of the Council for the King to make a Motion to move her out of Court, lest she might too much influence the Jury---He was answered, that for the same Reason he might as well move that the Prisoner himself should be covered with a Veil, lest the Distress painted in his Countenance should too powerfully excite Compassion. But it seems the Motion was needless, for though she was not moved out of Court, the Jury brought in the Prisoner Guilty---When she could do him no further Service at Court, she immediately set out for York, to solicit a Reprieve, and tho' above 70 Miles, returned in three Days, with hopes of Success.-----The Prisoner having been recommended by the Court and Jury to the King's Mercy. In short the whole Behaviour of this unhappy Woman, was such, as did Honour to her Sex and Conjugal State.

When the terrible Sentence was pronounced upon the Prisoner, he uttered an ejaculatory Prayer to GOD for Mercy, with such Earnestness, and look'd so distressed, that the Audience, even those least susceptible of Compassion, were melted into Tears.

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A Large, convenient Brick House in Queen street. Inquire of Edes and Gill.

For LONDON,

THE Ship PRATT, Jonathan Freeman, Master, lying at Hancock's Wharf, will sail as soon as loaded. For Freight or Passage, agree with the Master on board, or with *Edmund Quincy* Tertius, at his Store on Green's Wharf.

Where is to be sold at the lowest Rates.

Best new Hemp, Poland and English Starch, London Porter, white Stone Ware, and a large and new Assortment of English and India Goods. Where also is to be had, the best warranted Sperma Ceti Candles, Sperma Ceti in Small thin Cakes for the Use of Apothecaries and Country Doctors, and Sperma Ceti Oyl in large and small Quantities.

John Griffith,

Opp. the *William Pulteney*, Esq;

CONTINUES to teach Spelling, Reading, English Grammar, Writing, and Arithmetic, at the usual Hours by Day, and would take Ten more Scholars.

He begins Evening School the First of *October*, from 6 to 8 o'Clock, for the Benefit of those who cannot attend by Day; and desires such as would have Six Months Schooling to attend at that Time.

William Palfrey,

At his Shop next Door North of the Heart & Crown in Cornhill,

Has just Imported in the Ship *Pratt*, Capt. *Freeman*, from *London*, an additional Assortment of Goods, among which are, a great Variety of superfine, middling and low priced Broad-Cloths, knapt and plain Beavers blue, scarlet and striped Duffils, and many other Woolens and other Articles suitable for the approaching Season, which he is determined to sell by Wholesale or Retail as low for the Cash as at any Shop or Store in Town.

Also, French Indigo, warranted of the best Kind and *free from Mixture*: Best Bohea TEA, by large or small Quantities; English Clogs and Shoes, and *Lynn* Shoes made by the best Workmen. Gunpowder by the Cask, Writing, Cartridge and Press Paper, and many other Articles, too numerous for an Advertisement.

JUST PUBLISHED,

And to be sold by Josiah Flagg *at his House near the Old-North Meeting House, and at his Shop in Tenor Street; by Mess.* Thomas Leverett *and* Samuel Webb *in Cornhill; Mr.* Benjamin Loring *at the Head of the Long Wharff; Mr.* Salmon *at his House near the Sign of the Lamb, and the Booksellers in* Boston;

A COLLECTION of all Tunes urs Anthems, and a Number of others, from Williams, Knapp, Ashworth and Stephenson. To which are added some Tunes from Lyon, Smith, Ravencraft, &c.

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By Moses Belcher Bass,

At his Shop in Ann Street, just by the Conduit Town Dock, *Boston*, at the lowest Rates for Cash,

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ALL Persons concern'd in the late Land Bank or Manufactory Scheme, are hereby Notified, that the Committee appointed by the General Court to examine into that Affair, have adjourn'd their Meeting to the first Day of *October* next, at 11 o'Clock, A. M. to sit at the Royal Exchange Tavern in King Street, where those that incline may attend.

John Pichback,

From LONDON,

Has imported by the last Ships from London, *which he will sell at the lowest Price for Cash, or short Credit, at his Store opposite* Vernon's *Head in King Street,* Boston,

English Duck, Broad Cloths, German Serges, Shalloons, Tammies, Camblets, Callimancoes, flower'd Stuffs, Flannels, small and large Blankets, Beaver Coatings, Frizes, worsted Breeches Patterns, Men and Womens Hose, Silk Handkerchiefs, Irish Linnen of all Sorts, Garlix Irish Sheeting, Osnabrigs, Ticklinburgs, &c Bohea Tea, &c

N. B. A small Quantity of the best Bottled Porter.

A young Woman with a good Breast of Milk, wants to go into a Family as a Wet Nurse; Inquire of Edes & Gill.

* Samuel Wentworth & Vide page 490 || Vide page 489

NEW-YORK, September 8.

On Monday last his Excellency Sir HENRY MOORE, Bart. left Albany for Crown-Point, having before he set out, been pleased to send a Reprieve to the Sheriff of Dutchess County, respiting the Execution of WILLIAM PENDERGAST, until his Majesty's pleasure should be known.---After his Excellency's Departure, his truly worthy and charitable Lady, looked down from her exalted Station on the poor Prisoners in Albany Gaol, and sent for a List of them, and the Sums which they were committed for; and graciously sent Money to redeem all such as were confined under Thirty Pounds, by which, several Prisoners obtained their Liberty, and support their helpless Families, who all echo their Gratitude to their pious Benefactress.---She also ordered a daily Provision for all the rest of the Prisoners who still remain confined.---Her Goodness is also experienced by several other Captives, and poor Persons,---HEAVEN reward her in this and the World to come.---

BOSTON, September 15.

A Letter from London dated July 12th, says, "Mr. PITT is arrived at the highest Pitch of a Subject. The King sent a special Messenger for him to Town to settle a new Administration,--- The Event will be declared in a few Days.--- Wednesday next 'tis said the new Administration will be declared. Consisting of a Coalition of the Pitt and Bute Parties. Capt. Harrison was Yesterday appointed Collector for Boston, Dr. Moffat Comptroller for New-London, and John Wentworth, Esq; a Governor."

Another Letter of the same Date, says, "It is not yet known certainly how the new M----y will be arraigned, but it is thought all or most of the following will take Place, viz. Lord Temple, first Lord of the Treasury, with a new Board; Duke of Grafton and Mr. Pitt, Secretaries of State; Lord Shelburne, Secretary for the Plantations, a new office; Lord Halifax, first Lord of Trade, with a new Board; Lord Littleton, President of the Council; with several other Alterations."

Extract of a Letter from Salem, *Sept.* 13. 1766.

"Advice is received here from Martineco of a violent Hurricane there the 13th of August, attended with an Earthquake: It is said 21 Sail of Vessels are destroyed, some ashore, drove up into the Streets and not like to be got off; Two Thousand Souls lost by the destruction of the Houses, &c. I do not learn how it was felt at the other Islands.--- There are three Vessels belonging to this Town said to be ashore, and a new Brig belonging to Marblehead.---The Vessel that brings this Account had 19 Days Passage, and narrowly escaped."

Letters from Kenebeck give an account that the Indians there behave in a very surly manner, threatning to take satisfaction for the murder of two Indians some time since;---they had not done the mischief mentioned in the Portsmouth paper; but had destroyed some grain, and broke up some potatoe ground near Fort Halifax, into which many of the Inhabitants had retired.

We hear that Admiral Durrell in His Majesty's Ship Launceston, and a Number of Transports with Troops arrived a Fortnight ago at Halifax. That Admiral Durrell died there two Days after.

[*In the Supplement to the Philadelphia Journal of Sept.* 4, *and New-York Mercury of Monday last, we find published two most infamous Letters, written last Fall by one John Hughes, late Stampman for Pennsylvania. One of these Letters is to the Commissioners in England, the other to Dr. Benjamin Franklin. These Letters charge the Presbyterian and Proprietary Party in Pennsylvania, as the Writer calls them, all the principal Men in the Colonies, and in short the whole Body of his Majesty's loyal Subjects on this Continent, with Treason and Rebellion against the best of Sovereigns. He is very earnest and pressing that the Act might be enforced with a high Hand and military Force. Expecting to be knock'd on the Head as he over and over declares in plain terms; he also fires Dr. Franklin to procure a Deputation for his hopeful Son Hugh Hughes, in Room of Mr. Cox Stampman for the Jerseys, resigned. He declares on his Parole, that his Son Hugh is a very promising Youth, and that he will be bound for his good Behaviour as long as he lives. That there was a Prospect of executing the Act in the Jerseys, so that if his own Brains were beat out as he then cruelly apprehended, he was in Hopes some Honor and Property would be preserved his worthy Family. These are precisely his Sentiments, and nearly his own Words. The whole would we doubt not be very entertaining to our Readers, but for Want of Time and Room must defer the Re-publication of them to our next. If any of* Hughes's *Brother* Stampmerchants, *or any other Advocates for the late Act have transmitted similar Letters, as from the Conversation and Character of too many of them there is the highest Reason to believe, 'tis hoped proper Diligence will be used to detect and expose them to the Contempt and Infamy they deserve.*]

At a Superior Court held here a few Days ago, Richard Hodges and John Newington Clarke being convicted of stealing Goods out of a Shop in this Town to the Value of £.50 L. m. were sentenced to pay a Fine of £.20, to suffer six Months Imprisonment, to pay treble Damages, to be bound for their good Behaviour for 12 Months, and to pay Costs.

One Margaret Johnson for beating & abusing an Infant in the Alms-House in this Town, was also sentenced to suffer three Months Imprisonment.

GILBERT DEBLOIS just arrived from London in Capt. Freeman, begs Leave to inform his Customers in Town and Country, that he has brought with him a General Assortment of English and India GOODS suitable for the Season; also choice Bohea and Hyson Tea, by the Chest or smaller Quantity, Spices, Currants, best Pot and Starch, choice Cheshire Cheese, Loaf Sugar, Split Peas, Gun-Powder, German Steel, best London Wool and Cotton Cards, Russia Duck, Sheathing and Drawing Nails, neat genteel Sconce Glasses, &c. &c. &c.

N. B. The above GOODS will be Sold by Wholesale and Retail, very cheap for ready Money, at the Shop lately improved by Mr. William Tyng opposite School-Street, near the Rev. Dr. Sewall's Meeting-House.

Just imported in the Ship *Pratt*, Capt. *Freeman*, from *London*, and to be sold cheap for Cash, by

Jane Eustis,

At her Shop opposite the North Side of the Town-House.

A great Variety of English and India Goods suitable for the approaching Season —— among which are a fine Assortment of Muffs and Tippets; likewise Ermin Trimmings of all Sorts.

For LONDON,

THE Ship *Cesar, Samuel Stibbens*, Commander, now laying at *Newbury-Port*, will sail by the 25th Instant. Has excellent Accommodations for Passengers. Any Person wanting Passage, may apply to *Lewis Deblois*, at his Store opposite the Golden Ball.

N. B. The Ship is loaded with Lumber, no Oil on board to make a disagreeable Smell.

A Man's new brown Camblet Cloak with a Crimson Lining, taken away from Mrs *Wetherhead's*, near the Chapel, last Thursday Fortnight, supposed by some Gentleman in Mistake for his own; any Gentleman in Possession of it, is requested to return it, and send for his own.

FOUND last Night behind a Barrel in Mr. Welles's Distill-House Yard, a white half Handkerchief, mark'd M. G. No 6 The right Owner by applying to the Printers hereof, and paying the Charges, may have their Handkerchief again.

Lost on Wednesday the 20th ult, between Roxbury & Watertown, a black Sattin Capuchine, pin'd up in a large Silk Handkerchief. Whoever will bring it to the Printers, shall be well rewarded.

A SCHOONER,

To Lett or Sell, being of the Burthen of 112 Tons, three Years old, well found, and extremely well calculated for the West India Business; She may be seen at *Griffin's* Wharff—ALSO to Sell, the Hull of a Vessel about 75 Tons, to be launched in all November, built by a very faithful Workman—— For further Particulars, enquire at Store No. 5, South Side of the Town-Dock.

All Persons that have any Demands on *Ebenezer Stedson*, of *Dighton*, Bankrupt, are desired to leave their Accounts with the Hon. *Samuel White*, Esq; of *Taunton*, or *Joshua Winslow*, or *John Rowe*, Esqrs; at *Boston*, Trustees —— And all Persons indebted to said *Stedson*, are now desired to pay their Accounts to the aforesaid Trustees, before *November* Court at *Taunton*, otherwise they will be sued.

N. B. The Creditors are desired to meet at the British Coffee House on Wednesday next, at Six o' Clock, on Business of Importance.

A Person who understands making Edge Tools, and Jobbing Work, may hear of a good Employment, by inquiring of Edes and Gill.

A likely Negro Girl, about 19 Years of Age, that can do most Sorts of House Work, fit for Town or Country, to be Sold for no Fault. Inquire of the Printers.

This is to forwarn all Persons not to trust *Elizabeth Shaw*, the Servant of me the Subscribes; for I declare that I will not pay one Farthing that she shall contract from the Date hereof.

Boston, Sept. 12, 1766. JOSEPH MARTIN.

Public Vendue.

TO-MORROW, at 12 o'Clock, Will be Sold by Public Vendue, at the Royal Exchange Tavern in King Street;

Thirty Hogsheads of Porter.

Also, Sundry English GOODS

Public Vendue.

On Thursday next the 18th Instant, will be Sold by Public Vendue, at the Auction Room in Queen-Street, at Ten o'Clock in the Morning,

A Variety of genteel House Furniture, viz. Mahogany Tables, Looking Glasses, Chairs, Feather Beds, Bedsteads and Bedding, Harrateen Bed, Easy Chair, Mahogany Chest of Draws and Bureau, Spinnet, Couch Glass and China Ware, an excellent Eight Day Clock, &c. Some Plate, and a Variety of Kitchen Furniture.

J RUSSELL, *Auctioneer.*

AT PRIVATE SALE,

A very good Chaise, almost new;—also a green Harrateen Bed.

TO BE LETT,

A large Farm in *Wrentham*, several Hundred Acres within Fence, and is well proportioned as to Pasture, Tillage and Wood Land; both English and Meadow, with a good Orchard; a large House on said Farm, four Rooms on a Floor, sufficient for two Families, and Land enough under Improvement; it lies convenient for two Tenements if that should suit best, and may be entered on immediately, which indeed would be best, because of the Winter Rye, &c. a large new Barn handy to the House.—— The Hay, Indian Corn, Rye, Cyder, &c. of this Year's Growth, is to be sold at said House.— And as there is about 800 Acres of Wood Land belonging, and all adjoining to said Farm, a fine Opportunity for any one to clear the Land, burn the Wood for Pot Ash, and to improve said Land. Inquire of Captain *Samuel Stevens* in *Roxbury*, or Doctor *Timothy Stevens* of said *Wrentham*, on the Premisses.

TO BE LET,

A very convenient small Tenement, consisting of one handsome Room and Kitchen, Chamber and Kitchen Chamber, Garret and Cellar, a Yard and Pump, and a Garden Spot, pleasantly situated, fit for any credible Family. Inquire of *John Welch*, at his House in Wing's Lane.

TO BE SOLD,

By Benjamin Church,

At his usual Place of Sale on THURSDAY next, A great Variety of valuable Articles, viz.

BRoad Cloths, Cambletts, Callicoes, Cambricks, Cotton Velvets, Garlix, Irish Hollands, Lawns, Hankerchiefs, Caps, &c. sundry Articles of Houshold Furniture, Wearing Apparel, Watches, &c. &c.

To be Sold at Public VENDUE, By *Moses Deshon*,

At the newest Auction-Room, opposite the West End of *Faneuil*-Hall, Dock-Square; Next Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday Evenings; A Variety of European Goods, Houshold Furniture, &c.

☞ Constant Attendance at said Room.

NEW AUCTION ROOM,

In Royal-Exchange Lane,

To be Sold by PUBLIC VENDUE, by

ELIAS DUPEE,

Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday.

To begin at VII o'Clock.

A Coach Bed, Mehogany Tables, Chairs, Feather Beds, a Couch, Looking Glasses and other Furniture, an assortment of European Goods, Watches, Apparel, &c.

CUSTOM-HOUSE, *BOSTON*,

ENTERED In.

Higgins & White from Connecticut. Jarvis from St. Eustatia. Swan from St. Croix. Hinkley from Guadeloupe. Banfield from Guadeloupe & St Eustatia. Pearson from Greenock. Lee from Cadiz. Freeman from LONDON.

Buried in the Town of Boston, since our last,

Six Whites. One Black

Baptiz'd in the several Churches, Six.

High Water at Boston, for this present Week.

Monday,	47 m after 8	Friday,	14 m after 12
Tuesday,	36 m after 9	Saturday,	7 m after 1
Wednesday,	29 m after 10	Lord's-day,	52 m after 2
Thursday,	16 m after 11	Full @ 18 Day 11 Morn.	

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QUEBEC, July 28.

Copy of a Letter from the Merchants of Canada, *in Answer to one received from a Committee of Merchants in* London.

GENTLEMEN,

BY the laſt mail from New-York we received your letter of the 18th of March, informing us of the repeal of the Stamp-Act, for which we thank you.

As it would not have been attended with any advantage either to yourſelves, or to the reſt of your fellow-ſubjects, ſo it was not neceſſary to *enumerate* the *difficulties* which you have had to compaſs an affair in which you Gentlemen, and the Americans in particular, and the Britiſh nation in general were greatly intereſted. Nevertheleſs, we think with you, that you are juſtly intituled, for the pains which you have taken for the common intereſt, to the privilege of giving your ſentiments with that freedom which is conſiſtent with our connection, as good friends, as fellow-ſubjects, and as traders. In that character you have a right to utter your thoughts upon our *paſt* and *future* conduct in regard to matters which concern the whole community whereof you and we are members. But permit us, Gentlemen, to obſerve that we are at a loſs to conceive what part of *our* conduct you allude to in that paſſage of your Epiſtle wherein you tell us that, 'we muſt know better than 'to imagine that any well regulated government 'will ſuffer laws enacted with a view to public good 'to be diſputed by *lawleſs rioters* with impunity.' If your alluſion is to the ſpirited remonſtrances made by ſome other parts of America for the repeal of an act which was a public grievance you are miſtaken in the application: And we wonder very much how you could be ignorant of the *ſubmiſſion* with which that oppreſſive act was received in this *military* government. As we were not leſs ſenſible than our neighbours of the ill conſequences which would have attended the execution of that act, neither ſhould we have been wanting in our duty to ourſelves and to our fellow ſubjects by a *ſilence* on that head, had we been under the ſame advantages of Government. For it is our unanimous opinion that no meaſure could be worſe concerted, nor more full of fatal effects than that very act; which appears to us to have been propoſed by the enemies both of the colonies and the mother country; for as there is a natural and reciprocally convenient connection between the mother and her daughters, whatever affects the one muſt neceſſarily prejudice the other: So, tho' we did *acquieſce* we muſt candidly acknowledge that it was mere neceſſity and not our inclination which induced us to a compliance; & therefore are not intitled to any merit on that ſcore.

We will readily allow, that there is no government ſo perfect but what may ſome time or other eſtabliſh laws which are *nocive*. But give us leave to aſk Gentlemen, if the laws ſo enacted ſhould be owing either to miſinformation or miſtakes, or to the frailties of the human mind, whether the oppoſers of ſuch errors in the conduct of the moſt important affairs of the ſtate deſerve the reproachable and diſgraceful appellation of *lawleſs rioters*?

As it is not *juſt*, neither ſhould it be *tolerated*, 'that without proof of inconvenience, tumultuous 'force ſhall be encouraged by a part to fly in the 'face of power eſtabliſhed for the good of the whole.' But, we confeſs our ignorance of what we ſtand accuſed of by this paſſage; & as we know of no ſort of reaſon for ſuch a public accuſation, we beg Gentlemen, that you will point out in what manner and when, 'a part of us hath encouraged a tumultuous 'force to fly in the face of power,' that when we are made ſenſible of our offence we may know how to make *ſuitable* reparation. 'Till then we cannot think of 'exerting our endeavors to cancel the 'remembrance of *flagrant breaches* of public order,' becauſe we do not know of their having had any exiſtence here.

As we have the *warmeſt* attachment to the mother country, which nature can poſſibly admit of, you may be ſure Gentlemen, that both affection and gratitude will ever be conſpicuous in our conduct; both from a natural and convenient connection; but not in particular on the account of the repeal of the Stamp-act, which we look upon as highly *neceſſary* for the intereſt of the nation; and therefore, we conſider it as an act of *neceſſity* not of *grace*, as you ſeem to ſuggeſt by your calling it an 'inconteſtible proof of the moderation of the mother 'country.' However, tho' we ſee it in that point of light, we ſhall nevertheleſs entertain ſentiments the moſt favorable upon the occaſion; and conduct ourſelves in ſuch manner exactly as become good ſubjects, ſtudious of our own welfare, the good of our country, and the happineſs of mankind.

We are ſenſible that, under Providence, we are indebted for this happy event to the juſtneſs of the grievance, and to the regard of his Majeſty for the happineſs of his ſubjects, which we ſhall never doubt of: And could we breathe a wiſh here it ſhould be that the nation may be as certain of the *attention* of his miniſters, to whom the bad conſequences of the ill-judged Stamp-act may ſerve as a leſſon.

As you are pleaſed to ſay that if the Americans 'had acquieſced with the law and dutifully repreſented the hardſhips as they aroſe, the relief would 'have been more ſpeedy; & that you ſhould have 'avoided many *difficulties*, as well as not a few UNANSWERABLE mortifying reproaches on our accounts.' Permit us, in our turn, to remark that we differ in opinion with you ſo much as to think the contrary would have happened; and that if the moſt ſpirited oppoſition had not been made, the act would never have been repealed. In which caſe, tho' you might have avoided the *difficulties* and *reproaches* you ſpeak of, it would have been attended with more diſagreable conſequences to yourſelves & to the reſt of the nation. This reſiſtance to meaſures deſtructive to a commercial & manufacturing people, will be a *leſſon* to us and our poſterity. And animated by this example, by the moſt juſt and conſtitutional motives, by the patronage of the beſt of Princes, and by the attention of the Britiſh legiſlature to the *common* welfare, we ſhall, as they occur, moſt dutifully enumerate our grievances and hope to experience the *truth* of what you have advanced, 'that if by any means laws are or ſhould be enacted 'detrimental or ſeemingly oppreſſive to any part of 'the Britiſh ſubjects, the Britiſh legiſlature will at all 'times with the utmoſt tenderneſs conſider every 'grievance, and redreſs them the moment they are 'known.' In the interim give us leave, Gentlemen, to obſerve that, we think it pity, as well on the account of public tranquility, as of public advantage, that matters which ſo *eſſentially* concern the happineſs of a commercial people are not conſidered with greater attention by thoſe who are *duely qualified* to judge of them. Which, in our humble opinion, would prevent thoſe many and diſagreable conſequences which happen from an *inconſiderate* determination upon that important point.

Nothing upon our parts ſhall be wanting to impreſs the minds of our fellow ſubjects with the moſt dutiful attachment to our moſt gracious Sovereign, a *juſt* ſubmiſſion to the laws, and, of conſequence, a *due* reſpect for the legiſlature; from a thorough conviction that whilſt we thereby promote the tranquility and felicity of that community whereof we have the honor to be members, we ſhall advance our own. As this is not leſs our inclination than our duty we could wiſh that nothing prevented our compaſſing ſo deſirable a taſk. But, however meaſures may appear to you to have been taken, with a view to the public good, there are *ſome* of a different ſtamp and tendency. At leaſt it appears to us from what has lately been publiſhed here about raiſing exorbitant duties in a manner the moſt unſuitable to the commerce of Canada; and of ſuch a nature that if the ſcheme for raiſing thoſe duties ſhould be put into execution, we are unanimouſly of opinion that ſuch a meaſure will entirely ruin our trade and oblige us to quit this country. The conſequence of which, you are better able to conceive than we can deſcribe in the compaſs of a letter. And as theſe and other inconveniences have been pointed out in the public papers we beg leave to refer you to them; and to obſerve farther, that it happens quite *mal a propos* to over burthen and diſtreſs one part of America ſo very ſoon after the complaints made and the ill conſequences which have attended a conduct of the ſame nature in another part.

The repeal of the Stamp-act is a public ſervice, by which all ſhare in the advantage ariſing from the event: And therefore both on that account, & on the account of the grievances we ourſelves complain of, we ſee no room for ſuch a profuſion of encomiums as your letter is full of in regard to clemency, public ſpirit, abilities, firmneſs of the adminiſtration, humanity, prudence, patriotiſm of the generality of thoſe who compoſe the legiſlature and magnanimity. And at a time too, "that the Britiſh legiſlature was "provoked by the moſt irritating meaſures from the "conduct of many on our ſide the water." A conduct which we proteſt againſt as we are innocent of the accuſation; as well as ignorant of the tendency of your letter, which appears to us to be written more in a miniſterial ſtile than in that of a friend & merchant. But tho' we cannot well account for your mode of diction we will, with all the tenderneſs of friendſhip, ſuppoſe your meaning to be *Good*, tho' the expreſſion be very refined, and therefore both from inclination and gratitude we ſhall profeſs ourſelves, Gentlemen,

Your moſt obedient and oblig'd Servants,
For *a Number* of the Merchants in Canada,
JOSEPH CAWTHORNE.

A young Woman with a good young Breaſt of Milk that can be well recommended, would go into a Family to ſuckle. Inquire of Edes and Gill.

A Coachman lately come to Town that can drive from a Chaiſe to a Coach and Six, and underſtands a Kitchen Garden perf. & well, wants Employment. Inquire of Edes and Gill.

William Davidſon,
GARDENER;
Offers for Sale this Fall, or next Spring,
A Collection of young grafed, and Inoculated Engliſh Fruit Trees—Of Apples, Pears, Plums, Cherries, Peaches, Apricocks and Nectarines; alſo white Muſcadine Grape Vines, red and white Dutch Current Buſhes, and Gooſeberry Buſhes, double Roſe Buſhes, Aſparagus Plants of the early large Sort; Box, for Edgings of Walks, and Sixty Sorts of Flower Plants and Seeds: Alſo Garden Seeds imported from England, or Seeds ſaved here, more ſuitable for the Weſt Indies, &c. All warranted good, and at the very loweſt Price, by Wholeſale or Retail, for Caſh.

The following Liſt, is a Tax on a Number of the Proprietors, in the Township of *Amherſt*, in the Province of *New Hampſhire*, for Payment of Taxes now due from the original Rights in ſaid Townſhip, taxed agreeable to an Act of the General Aſſembly. The Names of the original Proprietors on which the following Tax is due, and the Sum ſet againſt each Name, is as follows, viz.

	£.	s.	d.		£.	s.	d.
Edward Band	5	11	4	*Thomas Bancroft*	6	9	7
Samuel Kneeland	5	2	4	*Robert Andrus*	2	19	4
Richard Jobſon	3	9	4	*Nat. Martin*	1	10	6
Joſeph Majory	1	7	8	*Ebenezer Burrel*	1	15	10
John Inks	1	10	6	*Jona & Job Dodge*	7	12	6
Joſeph Morgan	6	8	0	*Zacheus Perkins*	6	8	0
Joſeph Witham	6	12	10	*Han. Rollins Heirs*	1	16	2
Preſſon ——	24	16	9	The Lands late			
Eliſha Wilkin's Heirs	18	0		ly claimed by	6	8	0
Jacob Symons } *for Walcut.*	1	4	0	*William Lane*			

The Owners of the above Rights are hereby notified to pay the Sum ſet againſt each Name, in Lawful Money to us the Subſcribers (who are impowered by ſaid & to collect the ſame) at ſaid *Amherſt* by the 14th of *October* next, or ſo much Land belonging to each of ſaid Rights as then be unpaid, will be ſold at a Public Vendue, at the Houſe of *Ephraim Hilbreth*, Innholder in ſaid *Amherſt*, the 16th Day of ſaid *October*, Beginning at Ten of the Clock in the Forenoon.

Amherſt, Sept. 2d. 1766.
WILLIAM PEABODY,
JOHN SHEPARD, jun.

TO BE SOLD BY
Richard Clarke,
At his Store near the Long Wharff,
Choice *French* Prize Indigo, a Parcel of very fine Indian dreſs'd Deer Skins, Engliſh Loaf Sugar, *Philadelphia* Bar Iron, &c.

A few ſmall Kegs of very choice French *INDIGO*—Beſt *Philadelphia* Bar & Pig Iron—Raiſins and Figgs, to be ſold at the very loweſt Rates for Caſh at Store No. 1, South Side of the Town-Dock, oppoſite the Swing Bridge.

TWENTY DOLLARS REWARD.
Ran-away the 6th of *September*, 1766, at Night, an Iriſh Man Servant, named *Timothy Conner*, about 5 Feet and a half high, ſomething pitted with the Small Pox, ſpeaks quick broken Engliſh: Has taken with him a Snuff coloured Cloth Coat, red Lappel Jacket and a white ditto, Cotton Velvet Breeches, Leather ditto, white Thread Stocking yarn do. white and ſpeckled Shirts, brown Wigg, a good Hatt and Shoes, Frock and long white Trowſers, ſome ſhoes in the Shoes, and a new red Barcelona Handkerchief. He is a Houſe Carpenter by Trade, and has had a large Sum of Money advanc'd for him lately 'Tis ſuppos'd he is in Company with one *Whaland*, a lufty Fellow, about 23 Years old, wears his Hair ty'd behind, Claret colour'd Cloaths, and a Surtout, who is likewiſe a Runaway. Whoever ſecures ſaid *Conner*, ſo that his Maſter may have him again, ſhall have *TWENTY DOLLARS* Reward, paid by me the Subſcriber, ROBERT PEPPOINT.

All Maſters of Veſſels and others are hereby forbid harbouring, concealing or carrying off ſaid Servant, on Penalty of the Law.

WANTED,
Two Thouſand Pounds O. T. for which good Security will be given. Inquire of Edes & Gill.

A very convenient Houſe to be Let in Hanover Street. Inquire of Edes and Gill.

(Advertiſements omitted, will be in our next.)

Boſton, Printed by EDES & GILL, *in Queen-Street.* 1766.

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